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SUBJECT: HIGHLIGHTS

1. ATMOSPHERICS:

-- IN ANTICLIMATIC MOOD, ATTENTION DURING PAST WEEK FOCUSED ON REACTION TO FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT/TIMING VANCE TRIP. MOFA SPOKESMAN JUNE 23 REPLY TO REPORTERS THAT GROC HAS SEVERAL TIMES EXPRESSED OPPOSITION TO USG CONTACTS WITH COMMUNISTS PLAYED ALL PAPERS. GENERAL ANALYSIS ALONG LINES CHINA TIMES (CHUNG KUO SHIH PAO; 530,000) EDITORIAL CITING UNNAMED MOFA OFFICIAL THAT NO IMPORTANT CHANGES EXPECTED, BUT VANCE GOING "EXPLORE WHAT PRC CONCESSIONS POSSIBLE" ON TAIWAN ISSUE. ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA NEWS (20,000) JUNE 29 SAID VANCE TRIP IS "OBVIOUSLY SEEKING FORMULA" FOR NORMALIZATION. "IF NONE EXISTS, AND NONE CAN EXIST, THEN HE MUST REALLY BE SEARCHING FOR SOMETHING WHICH U.S. COULD PRETEND WAS FORMULA IN ORDER TO SAVE ITS FACE." NOTES THIS MIGHT BE PEKING PLEDGE OF "PEACEFUL INTENTIONS,"

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WHICH WORTHLESS. PAPER ALSO NOTED U.S. MIGHT WANT "KEEP ALL LINES OPEN TO TAIWAN" AFTER RECOGNITION BUT PEKING WOULD MAKE THIS VERY DIFFICULT. PRESS AND COMMENTARY EMPHASIZED ANTAGONISTIC STATEMENTS BY PRC LEADERS, ESPECIALLY CHI TENG-KUEI, POINTING OUT PRC DOES NOT HAVE PEACEFUL INTENTIONS TOWARD TAIWAN.

-- SEABURY LETTER IN WALL STREET JOURNAL GIVEN EXTENSIVE PLAY AND WIDELY QUOTED IN COMMENTARIES, ESPECIALLY REMARKS U.W. SHOULD NORMALIZE RELATIONS WITH FRIENDS BEFORE ADVERSARIES.

-- WOLFF TRIP REPORT PUBLISHED JUNE 24 PLAYED ALL PAPERS, QUOTED PREMIER CHINAG TO EFFECT TAIWAN WOULD NEVER HAVE CONTACTS WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS. CNA REPORT ON WOLFF SURVEY OF ASIAN LEADERS ALSO GIVEN EXTENSIVE PLAY, EMPHASIZING ASIAN LEADERS BELIEVE PRESENT RELATIONS "APPROPRIATE" AND THERE IS NEED TO PROVIDE ROC WITH SECURITY OF A TREATY NATURE. ALL PAPERS FRONTPAGED CHINESE-AMERICAN PETITION PRESENTED TO CHIP CARTER FOR PRESIDENT, AND HODDING CARTER LETTER TO REV. CHAO SAYING U.S. WILL "SAFEGUARD SECURITY AND INTERESTS" OF ROC.

-- AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD COMMENT ON ROC-PRC CONTACTS NOT CARRIED LOCALLY BUT ALL PAPERS CARRIED MOFA SPOKESMAN STATEMENT JUNE 25, IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT MANSFIELD'S STATEMENT JUNE 25, IN REPLY TO QUESTION ABOUT MANSFIELD'S STATEMENT, THAT ROC WILL NEVER CONTACT NOR NEGOTIATE WITH CHINESE COMMUNISTS.

-- ON HUMAN RIGHTS, ALL PAPERS CARRIED CNA NEW YORK DISPATCH QUOTING DOS SCHNEIDER THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ON MAINLAND "HAVE NOT GONE UNNOTICED." UNITED DAILY NEWS (LIEN HO PAO; 600,000) CARRIED EXCERPTS OF PROF. YANG TESTIMONY TO FRASER UNCLASSIFIED

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COMMITTEE AND EXTENSIVE PLAY GIVEN ROC AMBASSADOR SHEN'S REMARKS IN CALIFORNIA ON HUMAN RIGHTS. MEDIA COMMENTARY CONTINUES CRITICIZE "DOUBLE STANDARD" ON HUMAN RIGHTS.

-- VANCE ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH, BASED ON WHAT DESCRIBED AS ADVANCE TEXT, BANNERED LOCAL PAPERS TODAY. CHINA TIMES CARRIED STRAIGHT STORY THAT VANCE NOTED NORMALIZATION NOT EASY BUT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTED TO POLICY, AND TAIWAN ISSUE SHOULD BE RESOLVED PEACEFULLY BY CHINESE. CENTRAL DAILY NEWS (CHUNG YANG JIH PAO; 400,000) WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT WROTE SIMILAR STORY.

UNITED DAILY NEWS CARRIED AP STORY ON DOS SPOKESMAN SAYING RE SPEECH THAT U.S. READY TO EMBARK ON ESTABLISHING FULL RELATIONSHIP WITH PEKING AND THAT "APPARENTLY, OUR RELATIONS (WITH ROC) WILL CHANGE." ALL PAPERS REPORTED VANCE STATEMENT AT DOS NEWSMEN CONFERENCE THAT U.S. HAS NOT DECIDED ON FORMULA FOR NORMALIZATION.

-- ENGLISH LANGUAGE CHINA POST (30,000) JUNE 24 EDITORIAL NOTED IN PASSING CHINA MIGHT ASK FOR MILITARY WEAPONS AND SOPHISTICATED COMPUTERS. CNA, JUNE 26, REPORTED NYTIMES STORY ON SECRET REVIEW OF ARMS SALES POLICY; TWO PAPERS

CARRIED STORY SUMMARY WITH DOS REFUSAL TO COMMENT. JUNE 28
CHINA TIMES CARRIED COMMENTARY BASICALLY REPEATING NYTIMES
STORY; SAID REVIEW "REPORTEDLY ALSO DISCUSSED QUESTION OF
U.S. TROOP WITHDRAWAL FROM TAIWAN." PAPER DID NOT COMMENT.

-- OTHER MAJOR TOPICS FOR PRESS WERE U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT
STORY THAT CARTER "HAS SHELVED PLANS TO DUMP TAIWAN,"
FAVORABLE VIEW OF WOODCOCK TESTIMONY DURING CONFIRMATION
HEARINGS, AND NEW ANTI-BOYCOTT LAW, LATTER WAS REPORTED BY
NUMEROUS PAPERS AS MEANING PRC FORBIDDEN PRESSURE AMERICAN FIRMS
NOT TO TRADE WITH ROC.

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-- PRESS ALSO HEADLINED PHILIPPINE DAILY EXPRESS STORY
THAT ROC PRESIDENT YEN TOLD MANILA NEWSMAN IN INTERVIEW
THAT ROC "IS WILLING TO COOPERATE WITH" ASEAN COUNTRIES,
DESPITE LACK DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS.

2. PROGRAM ACTIVITIES:

-- VOLUNTEER SPEAKER ROBERT EBERSOLE, DIRECTOR OF GRINTER
GALLERIES, UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA, GAVE TWO SUCCESSFUL
LECTURES AT USIS TAIPEI JUNE 27-28. FIRST LECTURE CO-
SPONSORED BY CHINA ART EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AND ATTRACTED
FULL HOUSE OF 200, MOSTLY ASSOCIATION MEMBERS. AUDIENCE
ALSO INCLUDED DIRECTOR PALACE MUSEUM, CHIANG FU-TSUNG, AND
SEVERAL WELL-KNOWN PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS. SECOND LECTURE
ATTRACTED EVEN LARGER AUDIENCE WITH ALL 200 CHAIRS FILLED
AND STANDING ROOM FOR 30 OTHERS. BPAO TAICHUNG REPORTED
EBERSOLE ATTRACTED LARGE CROWD BY TAICHUNG STANDARDS IN
LECTURE THERE, JUNE 29, INCLUDING SIX PRIMARY AUDIENCE

MEMBERS - AFCST FOR TAICHKG. EBERSOLE WAS LOW KEY BUT
KNOWLEDGEABLE SPEAKER. HIS EMPHASIS ON DIVERSITY,
INDEPENDENCE AND CREATIVITY AMERICAN ARTISTS AND ART
STUDENTS IN DIRECT SUPPORT OUR OBJECTIVE 4. EBERSOLE
CONTINUES TO KAOHSIUNG FOR FINAL LECTURE BEFORE RETURNING
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-- TAICHUNG BPAO ARRANGED VTR EXHIBIT, JUNE 24-30, IN
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COST AUTOMATION EXPOSITION. TWELVE USIA-OBTAINED VTRS
WERE HIGH POINT OF EXPOSITION WHICH DREW SOME 700 LOCAL
BUSINESSMEN - MANY THROUGH INVITATIONS OF BPAO. TAIPEI
TRANSLATIONS OF VTR SUBJECT MATTER WENT INTO SECOND
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